

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus
5 comprising:
a storage unit; and
a processing part which registers information
of the information processing apparatus by
transmitting to a first database of a registration
10 center when a password input error is detected, and
stores transmission log information related to a
transmission to the registration center into said
storage unit.

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2. The information processing apparatus
as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part
includes means for transmitting to a second database
of the registration center if the transmission log
20 information is stored in said storage unit, and for
making a system lock with respect to the information
processing apparatus if the information related to
the information processing apparatus is registered
in the first database or the second database.

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3. The information processing apparatus
as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part
includes means for outputting a warning if the
30 information related to the information processing
apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. An information processing apparatus
35 comprising:
a processing part which searches a first
database of a registration center and registers

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information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related 10 to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

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6. An information processing apparatus 15 comprising:

a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus; 20 a second database which registers the information of the first apparatus when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said 25 first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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7. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related 35 to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is

received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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8. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

10 a step which registers information of an information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected at the information processing apparatus, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus.

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9. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

20 a step which transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus, and makes a system lock with respect to 25 the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

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10. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

35 a step which outputs a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

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11. An information processing apparatus
control method comprising:
a step which searches a first database of a
registration center and registers information
5 related to a predetermined apparatus into a second
database of the registration center if the
information related to the predetermined apparatus
is registered in the first database.

10 12. The information processing apparatus
control method as claimed in claim 11, further
comprising:
a step which deletes the information related to
15 the predetermined apparatus registered in the first
database and/or the second database.

20 13. An information processing apparatus
control method comprising:
a step which registers information related to a
first apparatus in a first database when notified of
a password input error at the first apparatus, in
response to a transmission from the first apparatus;
25 a step which registers the information of the
first apparatus in a second database when the
information related to the first apparatus is
notified from a second apparatus and the information
related to the first apparatus is registered in said
30 first database, in response to a transmission from
the second apparatus; and
a step which controls registration of
information to and deletion of information from said
first database and said second database.

35 14. The information processing apparatus

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control method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

5 a step which deletes the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or
said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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15. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 14, which is applied to a control program or an
15 operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. A computer-readable storage medium
20 which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, comprising:
means for causing the computer to register information of the computer by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when a
25 password input error is detected, and for causing the computer to store transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center.

30 17. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to transmit to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said
35 storage unit, and for causing the computer to make a system lock with respect to the computer if the information related to the computer is registered in

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the first database or the second database.

18. The computer-readable storage medium
5 as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:
means for causing the computer to output a
warning if the information related to the computer
is registered in the second database.

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19. A computer-readable storage medium
which stores a program for causing a computer to
control access to a registration center, comprising:
means for causing the computer to search a
15 first database of a registration center and register
information related to a predetermined apparatus
into a second database of the registration center if
the information related to the predetermined
apparatus is registered in the first database.

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20. The computer-readable storage medium
as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:
means for causing the computer to delete the
25 information related to the predetermined apparatus
registered in the first database and/or the second
database.

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21. A computer-readable storage medium
which stores a program for causing a computer to
control access to a registration center, comprising:
means for causing the computer to register
information related to a first apparatus in a first
35 database when notified of a password input error at
the first apparatus, in response to a transmission
from the first apparatus;

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means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and
5 the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and
means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of
10 information from said first database and said second database.

22. The computer-readable storage medium
15 as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the
20 first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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23. The computer-readable storage medium
as claimed in any of one of claims 16 to 22, wherein
said program forms a portion of a control program or
an operating system of the information processing
30 apparatus.

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